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SUBJ: GUAM SENATOR VISITS PNG

1. PNG RADIO REPORTED THAT AN AMERICAN SENATOR IS VISITING PNG TO ARRANGE FOR THE EXPORT OF FROZEN FRUIT BATS TO THE UNITED STATES. A FEW DAYS LATER FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE TELEPHONED IN SOME AGITATION TO SAY DFAT HAD RECEIVED A PROTEST FROM THE FOOD AND WILDLIFE SERVICE THAT A GUAM SENATOR WAS ILLEGALLY SHOOTING BIRDS AND ANIMALS IN THE NORTHWEST PART OF PNG.

2. UPON INVESTIGATION WE LEARNED THAT SENATOR CARL GUTIERREZ OF GUAM IS IN PNG AND THAT HE IS INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITY OF SHIPPING FROZEN FRUIT BATS TO GUAM FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION, AS THE SUPPLY OF FRUIT BATS IN THE MARIANAS HAS DWINDLED TO ALMOST NOTHING. WE GOT IN TOUCH WITH SENATOR GUTIERREZ AND LEARNED THAT HE IS TRYING TO PROMOTE TRADE BETWEEN PNG AND GUAM AND IS ALSO INTERESTED IN INCREASING THE AIR CONNECTIONS. HE HAS TALKED TO CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES HERE ABOUT INCREASING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE AIR LINKS. HE SAID CONTINENTAL AIR IS PRESENTLY TRYING TO GET LANDING RIGHTS IN MANILA, AND IF IT DOES SO PAPUA NEW GUINEA WOULD BE THE NEXT STEP. WE OFFERED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO HIM IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE, AS WE BELIEVE THAT INCREASED TRADE AND AIR LINKS BETWEEN PNG AND GUAM ARE HIGHLY DESIRABLE.

3. WE WOULD LIKE GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT IN DEALING WITH VISITING GUAM OFFICIALS. IF THERE IS EXISTING GUIDANCE FOR DEALING WITH VISITING STATE OFFICIALS APPROPRIATE TO GUAM, PLEASE MAKE SUCH GUIDANCE AVAILABLE. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE WHEN GUAM LEADERS VISIT PNG, AND IF SUCH ADVANCE NOTICE IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW TO WHOM WE SHOULD DIRECT INQUIRIES IF QUESTIONS SHOULD ARISE AS THEY HAVE IN THE CASE OF GUTIERREZ. SHOULD WE MAKE OUR INQUIRIES TO THE DEPARTMENT, OR SHOULD WE GO DIRECTLY TO GUAM AND, IF SO, TO WHAT OFFICE? WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE HAVING A LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY, BIOGRAPHIC REGISTER, ETC, OF GUAM SENT BY AIR POUCH.

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